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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant  
requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information  
listed on the attached form PTO 1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references  
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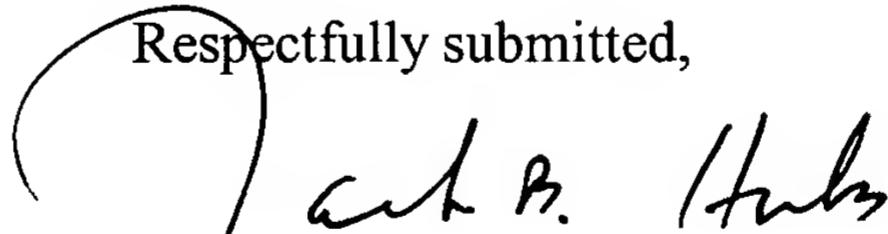
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited information.

**The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.**

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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